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Reply to Examiner's Office Action of 05/02/06 & Telephone Conversation of 12/06/06

REMARKS

This amendment is being filed in response to a phone call from Examiner Yuriy Semenenko to Applicants' undersigned attorney on December 5, 2006. During that phone call, the Examiner indicated that Claims 19 - 21 were allowable, as presented in Applicants' October 2, 2006 amendment. Applicants' attorney agreed with Examiner Semenenko, in a phone conversation on December 6, 2006, to file a Supplemental Amendment canceling Claims 1 - 18 and 22 - 30, leaving only allowable Claims 19 - 21. With the receipt of such amendment, Examiner Semenenko agreed to allow Claims 19 - 21 and pass the application to issue.

In summary, elected Group I Claims 1 - 9 and 19 - 21 were under consideration here, and Claims 10 - 18 and 22 - 30 were withdrawn from consideration as being directed to the non-elected inventions of Groups II and III.

It is noted that Applicants have made a minor amendment to Claim 19 to correct a grammatical error.

In view of the Examiner's verbal indication that Claims 19 - 21 were allowable and would be allowed if the remaining claims, i.e., Claims 1 - 18 and 22 - 30 were canceled, Applicants have, by this amendment, directed the cancellation of such claims.

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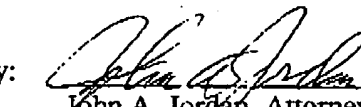
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Accordingly, only allowable Claim 19 - 21 remain. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter this Supplemental Amendment, allow Claims 19 - 21 and pass the case to issue.

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